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## **\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

### **Governor Douglas to Host NGA eHealth Meeting in Burlington** *Obama Administration Official to Discuss Health IT and Stimulus Funding*

**WHAT:** Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, co-chair  
Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, co-chair  
State Alliance for e-Health Members

The State Alliance for e-Health (The Alliance) will meet for its semi-annual conference. Key topics are scheduled to include implementation of the Health Information Technology for the Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, which is part of the Recovery Act of 2009, as well as quality improvement and health reform. The Alliance also will unveil its latest report [\*Preparing to Implement HITECH: A State Guide for Electronic Health Information Exchange\*](#). Alliance members will hear from a number of experts, including Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator for Health IT, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 7, 2009 – 9:00am – 4:00pm EDT

**WHERE:** Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center  
870 Williston Road  
Burlington, VT 05403

*Live webcast:* <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nga/090807>

To help states navigate the complexities of developing and using health information technology and electronic health information exchange, the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) created the State Alliance for e-Health in 2006. The State Alliance is a consensus-based, executive-level body formed to address the unique role states can play in facilitating adoption of interoperable electronic HIE. It is intended to be a forum through which stakeholders can work together to identify inter- and intrastate-based HIT policies and best practices and explore solutions to programmatic and legal issues related to the exchange of health information. For more information, visit the NGA Center at [www.nga.org/center/ehealth](http://www.nga.org/center/ehealth).

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